

*Four Affidavits, Sworn in answer to the Evidence given by Edward Barnes, and William Fair alias Linsey, touching their hearing Gabriel Barnes say, That Edward Adye had promised, or given the said Gabriel Barnes Forty Shillings, to give his Vote for Sir Basil Firebrace, at the late hearing of a Cause between the said Sir Basil Firebrace, and Sir Humphrey Edwyn, for the Burrough of Chippenham, in the County of Wilts, before the Committee of Elections, on the 23<sup>d</sup>. of November, 1691.*

**G**abriel Barnes, of the Burrough of Chippenham, in the County of Wilts, Clothworker one of the Freemen of the said Burrough) maketh Oath, That about three Weeks after the Election of a Member to serve in Parliament, for the said Burrough, in the Room of Richard Kent, Esq; deceased: At which Election, Sir Basil Firebrace, Knight, and Sir Humphrey Edwyn, Knight, stood Candidates. Now this Deponent having been Sick and Lane (and by that means in want of Money) did go to, and desire one Edward Adye, then a Burgess, and now Bailiff of the Burrough aforesaid, to lend him, this Deponent, the Sum of Forty Shillings, until such time, as he, this Deponent, should receive the like Sum, part of the Annual Gift of Twelve pounds *per Annum*, given by the Family of the Pophams, to Six Indigent Freemen of the said Burrough, and payable about the beginning of November, then next following; of which said Six Freemen, he, this Deponent, was appointed to be one, withal, telling the said Edward Adye, that he, the said Adye, being to come in Bailiff of the said Burrough, at Michaelms then next following, would, by Vertue of his said Office, receive the Rents of the Lands, out of which the said Gift was to be paid, and therefore might, at the time aforesaid, repay himself the said Forty Shillings, so desired to be lent to him this Deponent; to which the said Edward Adye answered, That in case he, this Deponent, would pay unto him, the said Edward Adye, a Debt of Nine Shillings, due to him, the said Adye, from Edward Barnes, Son of him, this Deponent, That then he, the said Edward Adye, would lend him, this Deponent, the said Sum of Forty Shillings, until such time as the aforesaid Gift should become due; to which this Deponent freely consented. And this Deponent further deposeth, That the said Edward Adye did not give, or lend him, this Deponent, the said Sum of Forty Shillings, with any other intent than is before expressed. Neither did this Deponent, at any time before, at, or since the Election, directly, or indirectly, receive of the said Edward Adye, any Sum, or Sums of Money (except the Forty Shillings on the condition aforesaid:) And this Deponent further Deposeth, That he this Deponent, did not at any time, or times, utter or declare, to any person or persons whatsoever, that he, this Deponent, had received Forty Shillings, or any other Sum or Sums whatsoever, of the said Edward Adye, or any other person, to influence his, this Deponent's Vote at the Election aforesaid, or at any former Election. And this Deponent further deposeth, that his said Son, Edward Barnes, is of late years become, and still continues to be, not only a very Undutiful Son, but also a very Idle and Extravagant Person, to the great Grief of him this Deponent.

*Jur. 27. die Nov. 1691.  
cor. me Magistro Cancell.  
Ad. Otley.*

Coppy.

The Mark of

Gabriel Barnes.

**T**homas Chappell, of the Burrough of Chippenham, in the County of Wilts, Gent. maketh Oath, That Edward Barnes, who on the 23<sup>d</sup>. day of November, instant, before a Committee of the Honourable House of Commons, at the hearing of the Merits of the Cause, between Sir Basil Firebrace, Knight, and Sir Humphrey Edwyn, Knight, about the Election for the said Burrough, did then, and there, utter and affirm several Notorious Untruths, (as this Deponent verily believes) and the rather, for that the said Edward Barnes did, at this Deponents House, in the Burrough aforesaid, Lift himself a private Centinel in His Majesties Service, and being order'd to be Shipp'd off for Ireland, with the rest of the Recruits, under the Command of Captain Killegrew (to the best of this Deponents memory) the said Edward Barnes did Desert his Company, and abscond himself; which this Deponent is certain of, by reason he, this Deponent, did soon after receive Orders from

the Officer (under whom the said *Edward Barnes* had so Lifted himself) to apprehend and secure the said *Barnes*. But this Deponent could never find an opportunity so to do, by reason the said *Barnes* absconded himself, as aforesaid. And this Deponent further deposeth, That the said *Edward Barnes* is a person of no Reputation or Credit, but on the contrary, for some years past, has been, and now is, accounted a Vagrant loose Fellow, and a House-breaker.

Jur. 25. die Nov. 1691.  
cor. me Magistro Cancell.  
Miles Cooke.

Coppy.

THO. CHAPPELL.

**E**lizabeth Powell, Wife of Phillip Powell of Chippenham, in the County of Wilts Yeoman, maketh Oath; That she this Deponent (sometime before the Election of a Member to serve in Parliament, for the Burrough of Chippenham aforesaid; in the place of *Richard Kent* Esq; Deceased) was present at the House of *Gabriel Barnes* her Father (a Freeman of the said Burrough) when Mr. *Edward Adye*, Mr. *John Flower*, and Mr. *John Eatwell*, three of the Burgeses of the said Burrough, came to the said *Gabriel Barnes*, and desired him to give his Vote at the Election, for Sir *Basil Firebrace*; but saith, that the said *Edward Adye*, did not then either give or offer to the said *Gabriel Barnes* any Sum of Money whatsoever, to the end, he the said *Gabriel* should Vote as aforesaid. Neither did he the said Mr. *Adye*, give, lend, or offer to this Deponent any Money for the Redemption of any Goods or Cloaths of hers, that lay in the Custody of one Mrs. *Pinchin*, to the end she should prevail with the said *Gabriel Barnes* her Father, to Vote for Sir *Basil Firebrace*. And further saith, that whatever was affirmed by *Edward Barnes*, this Deponents Brother, and Son of the said *Gabriel*, the Three and Twentieth day of this Instant November, before a Committee of the Honourable House of Commons; at the hearing of the Merits of the aforesaid Election, touching the premises aforesaid, and contrary to the true meaning hereof, was, and is, utterly false and untrue.

Jur. 25. die Nov. 1691.  
cor. me Mag. Cancell.  
Miles Cook.

Coppy.

The Mark of

Elizabeth Powell.

**E**dward Adye, Bayliff of the Burrough of Chippenham in the County of Wilts; maketh Oath, that in the beginning of January last past, being about Three Weeks after the Election for a Member, in the Room of *Richard Kent* Esq; Deceased, One *Gabriel Barnes* a Freeman of the said Burrough, came to this Deponent; desiring he would lend him Forty Shillings, for that he the said *Gabriel Barnes* should in November following have a share of the Annual Gift of the Family of the *Pophams*, to Six Indigent Freemen of the said Burrough: which said share would amount to the Sum of Forty Shillings; the said *Barnes* alledging, that he the said Deponent being to come in Bayliff of the said Burrough, at *Michaelmas* then next following, would by virtue of this said Office, Receive the Rent, out of which the said Gifts are Annually Paid, and might thereby Reimburse himself, or words to the same effect. Whereupon this Deponent told the said *Barnes*, that if he would allow him Nine Shillings which was owing to this Deponent, by *Edward Barnes* his Son, he this Deponent would make it up Forty Shillings, and be content to take it in November aforesaid; which the said *Gabriel Barnes* consented to: And this Deponent further deposeth, that he this Deponent did not at any time, or times before, or since, give or lend to the said *Gabriel Barnes*, the Sum of Forty Shillings, or any other Sum or Sums to influence his Vote, at the aforesaid Election; or for any other Reason or Cause, then is before expressed.

Jur. 24 die Nov. 1691.  
cor. me Magistro Cancell.

Coppy.

EDWARD ADYE.